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MOBILE CONNECTION IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) number of mobile connection provided by BSNL in Kerala;

(b) whether there is too much delay in getting pre paid cards of BSNL in Kerala circle;

(c) if so, the total area of coverage in Kerala through BSNL mobile; and

(d) the steps taken to provide more mobile connections by BSNL in Kerala?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRADHAN)

(a) The number of Mobile connections provided by BSNL in Kerala is 264945 (as on 30.6.2003).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) 127 towns are covered in Kerala including Kavarathi of Lakshadweep and Mahe of Pondicherry. Apart from the towns, coverages have also been provided to all national highways & two state highways in the state.

(d) BSNL has set a target of 2,20,000 Cellular connections to be provided in Kerala during 2003-04.